

STANDARDS ALERT

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Introducing a New Standards-Related Service for ITA Clients

ITA Industry and Analysis's Office of Standards and Investment Policy (OSIP) is pleased to announce *Standards Alert* -- a new service from OSIP in cooperation with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the private sector coordinator of the U.S. Standards system. Through *Standards Alert*, OSIP and ANSI want to make sure that all ITA units and ITA clients know about opportunities to participate in standards development in organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). U.S. company participation is key to making sure that standards do not become trade barriers when incorporated into regulations by U.S. trading partners. OSIP and ANSI will share new opportunities in a timely manner as they become available. We are asking that you flag these opportunities for your clients. To facilitate company participation, OSIP and ANSI are happy to brief them on how to get involved. For background, the following link provides an overview of the U.S. standardization system and how it relates to international standards development

http://www.ansi.org/standards_activities/overview/overview.aspx.

Standards Development Opportunity: Feed Machinery

In this edition, OSIP and ANSI are flagging an opportunity to become involved in developing an international standard for **feed machinery**. The proposal was submitted in April 2014 by China and work was approved on a provisional basis by ISO in September 2014. Excerpts from the Scope Statement for this new work appear in the box below. China will organize the first meeting of the new international technical committee in the coming weeks to resolve concerns raised by the United States, France and Brazil particularly about potential overlaps with environmental safety that may include dust explosion hazards already addressed by ISO, IEC and NFPA standards. A U.S. Technical Advisory Group, which will represent the United States in this work, is now forming.

If you know of a company that might be interested in becoming involved in this work, please have them contact ANSI's Steve Cornish at SCornish@ansi.org as soon as possible. Another important resource for companies interested in this work is I&A's Acting Team Leader for Machinery, Pat Sweeney (Padraic.Sweeney@trade.gov).

Scope Statement: Standardization of single feed machine, processing systems and complete production line which process various raw materials to produce feed for livestock, poultry, aquatic animals, and pets according to the requirement of recipes includes feed machinery safety, hygienic requirements and environmental protection requirements in feed processing.

Feed machinery, which is used for pre-processing, quantitative batching, conditioning and pelletizing of feed raw materials, includes main feed processing machines, auxiliary equipment and complete feed processing projects that process compound feed, additive premix feed, and concentrated feed...

Please be advised that the "feed machinery" referenced in the proposal is the mechanical equipment used for industrial production of formulated feed in feed mills. Formula feed ingredients consist of dozens of species to meet all of the nutrients needed for the growth and development of animals. Formula feed production requires specialized techniques and equipment. It is produced by feed processing equipment, literally produced by specialized feed mills to complete automatic production line. "Standardized object" in this proposal means the machinery and equipment for modern feed mills as special-designed industrial equipment.

The "Feed Machinery" in this proposal does not belong to agricultural machinery. It has nothing to do with agricultural machinery, animal husbandry machinery, forage processing machinery. Agricultural machinery not only includes tillage and cultivation, crop protection, irrigation, harvesting, storage and such machinery, tools and equipment that has been directly related to agricultural production, but also includes livestock and poultry husbandry and breeding, animal-poultry products collection and pre-processing machinery and animal husbandry facilities and equipment for construction of grassland, forage harvesting and processing, etc....

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Curious about a standards topic? OSIP would be happy to tackle your topic in a future edition of *Standards Alert*. Contact Mike Boyles @x1935 (Michael.Boyles@trade.gov).

